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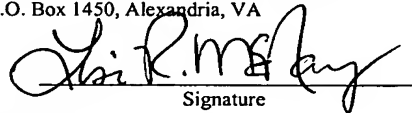
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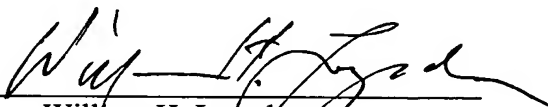
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This application is the United States National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/NL03/00461, filed June 23, 2003, claiming a priority date of June 28, 2002, corresponding to European Patent Application No. 02077580.5. Some of the references identified in Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an International Search Report dated August 27, 2003 in the underlying PCT application. The relevance of these references is indicated in the International Search Report. English language abstracts of DE 195 03 060 and JP 4-267933 are enclosed herewith. The relevance of JP 9-290141 is indicated on page 2 of the specification. An English-language abstract of this reference is also enclosed herewith. The International Preliminary Examination Report dated November 11, 2004 indicates that the claims in the PCT application meet the international standards of patentability. The claims in the present application are similar to the claims filed in the PCT application and should be in condition for allowance for the same reasons set forth in the International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report and the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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